and development of languages of linguistic minorities; and

(c) the States to which directions have been issued in this regard under Article 350-A of the Constitution of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) The list of Linguistic Minorities State-wise, is given in the 27th Report of the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities which has been placed on the Table of Lok Sabha on 29th July, 1991.

(b) The Government has appointed Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities in India under Article 350-B of the Constitution. The Commissioner submits Annual Report to the Government recommending *inter alia* various steps for the promotion and development of languages of linguistic minorities. Necessary action is taken by State Governments (and the Central Ministries/Departments wherever concerned) on the recommendations of the Commissioner.

(c) The Ministry of Welfare has not issued any direction to any state under Article 350-A of the Constitution.

[Translation]

Inclusion of Millet under SFPP

3981. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether there is any proposal to include millet under Special Foodgrain Production Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b) Special Foodgrains Production Programme on Maize & Millete is under implementation since 1990-91 in 13 States *viz,* Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu & U.P. For implementation of the programme districts have been selected such as, Maize (59 districts), Jowar (68 districts), Bajra (49 districts) and Ragi (31 districts) to increase the production and productivity. An outlay of Rs. 20 Crores have been provided in 1991-92.

(c) Question does not arise.

Fodder Banks

3982. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up fodder-banks in the country; and

(b) if so, whether these fodder-banks are likely to be set up in the capitals and the district headquarters of each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Hoisting of National Flag at Jaipur Office of RFC

3983. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Flag was hoisted at the Jaipur office of the Rajasthan Finance Corporation of the Republic Day this year; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Government of Rajasthan have informed that on every Republic Day, the National Flag is unfurled with ceremonies at Udyog Bhawan, Jaipur, where the Head Office of the Rajasthan Financial Corporation is located. Officers and employees of Rajasthan Financial Corporation's Jaipur Offices alongwith the employees of its Head Office are required to attend the main ceremonial function held at Udyog Bhawan.

Construction of Shallow Tube Wells/ Dug Wells under SFPP

3984. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria followed for providing assistance to States for construction of shallow tube wells/dug wells under Special Foodgrains Production Programme;

(b) the assistance provided to States so far under this programme;

(c) whether the Government of Rajasthan has requested to the Union Government for extending this programme to all the districts in the State; and

(d) the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) The criteria followed for providing assistance to States for construction of Shallow Tube Wells/Dug Wells (S.T.W./D.W.) under Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP) is based on following consideration :

i) Presence of rich ground water acquifers;

ii) States having predominantly wheat and rice crop rotation districts with adequate ground water potential for exploitation;

iii) States to make firm budgetary provisions for matching the Central Grant-in-aid; and

iv) Encouraging conjunctive use of ground and surface water to check problems of drainage and salinity.

(b) Information is furnished in the attached statement.

(c) Yes, Sir. Government of Rajasthan has made a request for extending the Programme in the State.

(d) The request of the State Government has been considered and the State Government has been intimated that Central allocations for the year 1991-92 have already been made to the existing States being a continued scheme from Seventh Five Year Plan. Therefore, it is not possible to include Rajasthan under the said Programme during the current financial year. It has been further intimated that Government of India may consider the proposal from 1992-93 while revising the EFC Memorandum for the Programme for Eighth Five Year Plan.

Statement

State-wise and Year-wise Central Funds released for implementation of Centrally sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for Construction of Shallow Tube-Wells/Dug-Wells (STW/DW) for special foodgrains production programme during 1988-89 to 1991-92

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	States	Central Funds released under programme during			
		1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92 (1st Instalment)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	620.88	321.40	600.00	118.75
2.	Assam	122.22	86.50	175.00	31.25
3.	Bihar	1598.64	1248.38	2158.89	612.50
4.	Gujarat	32.40	48.85	186.65*	12.50
5.	Haryana	100.50	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.	Karnataka	450.00	Nil	Nil	Nil
7.	Madhya Pradesh	450.00	720.01	925.00	168.75
8.	Maharashtra	391.10	75.00	50.00	Nil
9.	Orissa	723.54	75.00	229.70	93.75
10.	Tamil Nadu	100.50#	40.50	336.29**	50.00
11.	Uttar Pradesh	3182.62	3858.11	4577.80	1250.00
12.	West Bengal	919.10	156.75	546.36	125.00
	Total	8691.50	6628.50	9787.49	2462.50

*Includes Rs. 13.85 lakh for 1989-90.

**Includes Rs. 36.29 lakh for 1989-90.

#The funds were surrendered by TN Govt. since the State Govt. did not implement the programme during 1988-89.

Funds have not been released to Haryana, Karnataka and Maharashtra as they have sufficient unspent balance of Central funds out of the release of previous years.